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**PATENT** 

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

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For:

METHOD FOR DRIVING PLASMA DISPLAY PANEL

## REPLY TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Sir:

In reply to the Restriction Requirement dated September 9, 2005, applicants hereby elect Group I (i.e., at least claims 1-10, 12-21, 23, 25-28, 30-32 and 66-71), with traverse, for prosecution on the merits. At least independent claim 1 is believed to be generic to both groups of claims.

The Patent Office communication merely asserts that Group I is directed to a plasma display with sustain pulses having different edges and that Group II is directed to a plasma display with sustain pulses having different rising/falling time. Applicants respectfully submit that the subject matter of these claims is so sufficiently related that they should be examined in a single application. Applicants further believe that a similar search will be performed for both the claims of Group I and the claims of Group II. For example, independent claim 1 is a generic claim to the subject matter of both Group I and Group II. Applicants respectfully request that the restriction requirement should be withdrawn.

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It is respectfully submitted that the subject matter of both groups of claims is sufficiently

related that a thorough search for the subject matter of one of the groups of claims would

encompass a search for the other group of claims. Thus, it is respectfully submitted that the

search and examination of the entire application could be made without serious burden. See

MPEP §803 in which it states that "if the search and examination of an entire application can be

made without serious burden, the Examiner must examine it on the merits, even though it

includes claims to distinct or independent inventions." It is respectfully submitted that this

policy should apply in the present application in order to avoid unnecessary delay and expense to

applicants and duplicative examination by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.

If the Examiner believes that any additional changes would place the application in better

condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney, **David C**.

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